

An Example From Germany.

While the United States is considering with some hesitancy the construction of a great waterway which would save about 10,000 miles of ocean navigation between its Atlantic and Pacific seaports, to say nothing of the impetus which would surely be given its foreign commerce, the German Empire has completed a canal half as long as the Nicaragua route without making any noise what ever about it. The announcement that the North Sea Canal between Kiel on the Baltic and the river Elbe below Hamburg is going to be opened with elaborate ceremonies in June next will take the outside world quite unawares, for few strangers, indeed, have known that such a mighty work was even contemplated.

But Germany is a nation whose patriotism is almost its religion. It has no textile fabric element within its borders, no cuckoos, except, perhaps, a handful of unwashed and beer-sodden Anarchists. The German people, however they may differ among themselves in other things, are a unit in support of everything which tends to the strength and glory of the Fatherland. It is to promote the commerce and enhance the security of the Empire that this canal has been cut across the Province of Holstein. The canal is 53 1/2 miles in length. Its estimated cost is \$37,440,000, or about half that of the Nicaragua canal, and it is not believed that the estimate will be exceeded.

The canal will save from 238 to 424 miles for vessels bound from the North Sea to the Baltic or vice versa, and it will avoid the dangerous voyage around the broken shores of the Jutland, or Danish Peninsula. Operations were begun in 1887 and just eight years will have been consumed in the undertaking, which is not an extravagant length of time when it is considered how in those high latitudes such work is liable to interruption by winter. This North Sea canal, though constructed, of course, entirely within German territory, occupies much the same relation to Germany that the Nicaragua canal does to the United States. It facilitates both the foreign and domestic commerce of the Empire, and it is virtually a great reinforcement to the naval strength of Germany, as it enables its fleets to be concentrated in either the North or the Baltic Sea, precisely as the Nicaragua canal would enable us to throw our ships either into the Atlantic or the Pacific, as might be needed.

The unostentatious, business-like way in which this German canal was started, the vigor with which it has been pushed, and above all the harmonious support which it has received from a people who are not rich in anything but devotion to their country, are full of impressive lessons for America.

W. G. Manuel will probably be the next president of the Oakland Council.

About Violets.

This is just the time when the violet beds should be prepared for next year, and all that is needed is observance of a few simple rules to enable anyone who has a garden to grow the flower in satisfying quantity and perfection. So, at least, says J. Seuberg, the florist.

Violet plants should not be allowed to stand undisturbed year after year; the beds should be dug up every second year at least, and it would be better if it were done yearly. After uprooting the old plants, dig a trench a foot deep and fill it with manure; tread this down hard, and it will fill about six inches; on top of that place your violets. Violets will grow in almost any soil, but they will be earlier if they stand in light soil than in heavy. By having the manure beneath the earth, as above advised, their roots go deep into the spongy substance and the plants are rendered more vigorous and the bloom freer.

It is a bad idea to reset the old plants, which have grown large and woody; choose the younger plants, or runners, which have not yet made a flower, for they will be in their prime next year. Old plants are liable to be attacked by violet disease or rust. Double violets need replanting oftener than the single for they run to woodiness quicker. There could not be finer weather than this which we are now having for planting violet beds.

As to varieties, Mr. Seuberg advises planting the California and the single Russian for an early crop, and the Marie Louise for later flowering.

The later is a splendid double variety and though not as early as the single varieties, it will bloom later in the spring. Neapolitan violets are the lightest shade of lavender of any of the violets—a very pretty double kind—but they are usually very short stemmed.

There are several excellent varieties of white violets. The single white bloom freely and produce a free growing foliage which makes a fine border, and the Swanley white, or double, is a lovely flower. The double Russian is the finest dark flower. But the new California violet, although single, is destined to become very popular, because it is unusually long stemmed and large flowered.

It is a fact which is not generally known that the Russian violets came originally from Alaska, where on the islands off the coast they grow wild. After being transported to Russia they were improved by cultivation and then distributed all over the world. Double Russians were developed from the single.

There does not seem to be any doubt but that the act prohibiting opening of saloons within sanitary districts will become a law, as the Governor has said that he intended to sign it.

Colonel Babcock of Alameda has been chosen Court Commissioner, to succeed F. E. Whitney.

At the Head.

Congress has passed a bill reviving the rank of lieutenant-general during the active career of the present senior major-general of the army. It will undoubtedly receive the President's signature, and the office will be conferred on Major-General J. M. Schofield, who will exercise it until his retirement upon reaching the age limit of 64 next September. The only change this will make will be to give him the honor, rank and increased pay. It will make no difference in his duties. He will be the fifth American to hold that rank.

The office was created for ex-President Washington at the time of a threatened war with France, and he held it from July 3, 1798, till his death, December 14, 1799.

The office was revived for Major-General U. S. Grant, who held it from March 2, 1864, till he was promoted to general, July 25, 1866. Major-General W. T. Sherman was promoted to lieutenant-general upon the promotion of U. S. Grant to general and held the rank until March 4, 1869, when General Grant became President and General Sherman general.

Major-General Philip H. Sheridan was promoted to lieutenant-general upon the promotion of Lieutenant-General Sherman to general, and held the office till June 1, 1888, when Congress revived the rank of general for him, and he died on the following 5th of August, a full general of the United States army. The grades of general and lieutenant-general expired with him.

Major-General Winfield Scott was breveted lieutenant general to date from March 29, 1847, for "eminent services in the late war with Mexico, the day on which the United States forces under his command captured Vera Cruz, and the battle of San Juan de Ulloa." He retired November 1, 1861. National Tribune.

Caught Redhanded.

Constable Storch of Fruitvale tonight brought to the County Jail a young man who said his name was Gilkinson. He also gave his name as G. R. Woodhull. He was captured in a residence in Fruitvale in the act of looting it, and considerable stuff was found on his person, among other things two bracelets, diamond cuff buttons, gold chain and some other jewelry. He had fortified himself with a new Smith & Weston pistol and a bottle of whisky, and it is supposed from these latter articles that he is new in the business. He said he had never before been arrested. He is quite a young fellow, giving his age as 16.

Convict Ross spent a day and a half on the roof of the old jute mill, lying on his face in a box fourteen inches wide and so short as to bend him like a bow, without food or water, before he was found by the officers of the prison at San Quentin.

Charter Day Exercises.

The celebration of the twenty-seventh anniversary of the founding of the University of California took place at 10 30 this morning in Harmon Gymnasium. The weather was all that could be desired, and the following fine programme was successfully rendered:

Overture, "Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna" Suppe
Invocation Rev. Joseph Wythe
Address on behalf of the Students at Berkeley W. E. Lloyd, B.L., '95
Waltz, "La Mas Bonita" Noah Brandt
Address on behalf of the students in the professional colleges
..... Mary E. Morris, M.D., '94
Serenade, "Italienna" Cibulka
Address on behalf of the Faculties
..... Professor Edward Lee Green
Minuet Boccherini
Transcription, "Melody in F" Rubinstein
Address Rev. Robert Mackenzie, D.D.
Selections, "The Huguenots" Meyerbeer

Captain and Manager Chosen.

The sub-committee appointed by the executive committee of the A. A. U. C., consisting of Colonel Edwards, Herbert Lang, Mark Antony, Fred Koch and Arthur North, met yesterday to take the preliminary official steps towards sending an athletic team East.

The committee, having full power to act in selecting officers, chose Fred Koch as captain, and Arthur North as manager.

It is expected that North will soon leave for the East to complete arrangements for the oncoming team.

A meeting of the Associated Students will be held on next Tuesday afternoon to devise ways and means of sending the team across the continent.

Dingee's Peacocks Stolen.

Thieves looted the chicken-yard of W. J. Dingee on Thursday night, carrying away a wagon-load of choice fowls, including four peacock, a dozen turkeys and at least 200 chickens.

Miss Dingee has a fine country home in Hays Canyon known as Fernwood, and was especially proud of his peacocks, whose value was probably \$100. He was living in the city during the wet season, and the place was in charge of hired help. The thieves smashed the chicken house door, backed up their wagon, loaded up and drove off in the darkness.

C. P. Huntington has finally been indicted by a grand jury in San Francisco. He is charged with issuing an illegal pass. Whether he will be arrested when he comes to California or elsewhere has not been determined upon yet. The bail was fixed at \$5000.

Thomas Blanck, who escaped from prison at Seattle and was afterwards shot near Kent, confessed to five murders and there are others charged against him.

An earthquake has changed the appearance of the land on the island of San Miguel, one of a group in the Santa Barbara channel.

UNCLE REMUS PREACHES.

His Advice to a Newly Fledged Church Member.

"Dey tells me you done jine de chu'ch," said Uncle Remus to Peg-leg Charley the other day.

"Yes, sir," responded Charley, graveley, "dat's so."

"Well, I'm mighty glad ob dat," remarked Uncle Remus with unction. "It's 'bout time dat I wuz spartin' fer ter here ob you in de chain gang, 'an stidder dat hit's de chu'ch. Well, dey ain't no tellin' dese days whar a nigger's gwinter lan'."

"Yes," responded Charley, straightening himself up and speaking in a dignified tone—"yes, I'm fixin' to do better. I'm preparin' fer ter shake worldliness. I'm done quit so'shatin' wid dese white town boys. Dey've been a goin' back on me too rapidly here lately, an' now I'm goin' back on dem."

"Well, ef you done had de speunce un it, I'm mighty glad. Ef you got 'lijun, you better hole on to it 'twell de las' dey in de mornin'. Hit's mighty good fer ter kyar 'roun' wid you in de day time an' in de night time. Hit'll pay you mo' dan politics, an' ef yer stan' up like yer oughter, hit'll las' longer'n a bone-fellum. But you want hab one er dese yer ole-time grips, an' you jes' gotter shet yo' eyes an'swing on like Mars Ed. Baldin's bull tarrier."

"Oh, I'm goin' ter stick, Uncle Remus. You kin put yo' money on dat. Dese town boys can't play no mo' of der games on me. I'm fixed. Can't you len' me a dime, Uncle Remus, to buy me a pie? I's dat hungry dat my stomach is gittin' ready to go inter mo'nin'."

Uncle Remus eyed Charley curiously for a moment, while the latter looked quietly at his timber toe. Finally the old man sighed and spoke:

"How long is you bin in de chu'ch, son?"

"Mighty near a week, replied Charley.

"Well, lemme tell you dis, now, 'fo' you go enney fudder. You ain't bin in dar long nuff fer ter go 'roun' takin' up conterbutions. Wait until you gets soter seasoned like, an' den I'll hunt 'roun' in my cloze an' see ef I can't run on a strip er two fer you. But don't you levy taxes too airly."

Charley laughed and said he would let the old man off if he would treat to a watermelon.

More Protection Wanted.

As was stated in our issue yesterday, an attempt was made by two unknown persons to enter the house of John Irwin, on Blake street, early yesterday morning, but the thieves were frightened away before securing any booty. It is supposed that they are the same individuals who attempted to enter the grocery store of J. K. Stuart, on Shattuck avenue, last Tuesday night.

Burglaries and hold-ups in Berkeley are becoming too numerous, and unless some action is taken to increase the police force, it will be dangerous to go about the town at night. Within the last month no less than six burglaries and hold ups were recorded.

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MEASURES OF SECURITY.

In forming a pool and investing the Directors with adequate authority, the shareholders of the San Joaquin Valley Railroad have a shrewd eye to the danger of absorption which the presence of the Southern Pacific Company creates. It is cheering to note that the Directors themselves are anxious for all possible restrictions to be placed upon them, in order that it shall be a physical impossibility for them to betray the trust reposed in them. The controlling idea of the whole undertaking is that this is to be a people's railroad, owned by Californians and operated as much in the interest of the State, as in that of its shareholders, and that hence it must forever be kept free from any danger from the very monopoly whose policy has made it necessary. On this point there is perfect harmony. Even the evidence of decay of the Southern Pacific Company's power will not be permitted to cause a relaxation of watchfulness and care.

The situation is extraordinary in many ways. Its most eloquent feature is the general abiding fear of the old company's grasping propensity and the harm to the State which its success in this case would surely bring. Hence the proposition of delegating extraordinary powers to the Directors, which will probably be acted on today. It is not only so to hedge them about with all conceivable barriers against any possible scheme by which they might hand over the control of the valley road to the Southern Pacific, but at the same time to invest them with extraordinary powers with regard to the selection of the route, the construction of the road and the installation and conduct of the service. At this writing the details of the plan are not accessible to the press. From the rumors which have been heard, however, some such policy as that here suggested is likely to be proposed, and if so it certainly should be adopted.

The men composing the Board of Directors—Messrs. Claus Spreckels, Isaac Upham, W. F. Whittier, John D. Spreckels, Charles Holbrook, John B. Stetson, Thomas Magee, Leon Sloss, Robert Watt and A. H. Payson—would never be suspected of any desire to betray any trust reposed in them; but it is generally characteristic of honest men that they never object to precautions taken to prevent them from being dishonest.

A friendly rivalry has arisen between San Jose and Stockton as to which shall secure the road. In this contest it might be well for San Jose to bear in mind the fact that the selection of the Stockton route would include several other cities and towns which are making eager bids for the

road, and that whatever the size of Stockton's bid it will represent but a part of the assistance which would be secured by including that city in the route. Stockton is working very earnestly and announces that it alone can raise half a million dollars. Engineer Storey goes to that city next week to inspect the ground facilities which have been offered, and as he is a very competent man his recommendation will have great weight with the directors.

The valley road project is now, and for a long time will remain, the most important matter that affects the State. The attitude which every person assumes toward it will be the expression of his wishes concerning the State's advancement. Every man of means who invests in its shares will establish the fact of his enterprise, sagacity and patriotism, and every man having money which he might thus use and refuses so to employ, it will be known.—S. F. Call.

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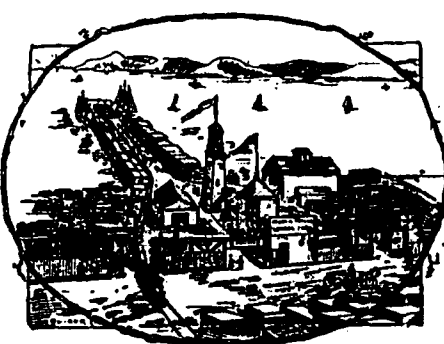
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Sec. 3839 of the Political Code reads as follows:

Every male inhabitant of the State, over twenty-one and under 60 years of age, except paupers, insane persons and Indians, not taxed, must annually pay a poll tax of two dollars, provided the same be paid between the first Monday in March and the first Monday in July, then it shall be three dollars.

Sec. 3846 of the Political Code makes it the duty of the Assessor to "demand Poll Tax of every person liable therefor, and on the neglect or refusal of such persons to pay, he must collect by seizure and sale of any personal property owned by such person."

Under sections 429 to 434 every person who refuses to give his own name or the name of any person in his employ, or who in any manner obstructs the Assessor or any of his deputies in the collection of the State Poll Tax, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and liable to a fine of \$500 or imprisonment in the County Jail, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Only those persons under twenty-one or over sixty years of age are exempt. Poll Tax must be paid on demand.

Henry P. Dalton,
Assessor of Alameda County.

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NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.

OAKLAND, March 4, 1885.

ALL PERSONS, firms, company, corporations and associations are required to deliver at the Assessor's office, at the Court House, City of Oakland, County of Alameda, immediately, a statement under oath of all property, both real and personal, owned, or claimed by him, her or them, or in their possession or held in trust for others, at 12 o'clock meridian on the **FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH, 1895**, in accordance with the constitution.

Refusal or neglect to make a sworn statement of all the property owned or held in trust, will subject the person so refusing or neglecting to make such sworn statements to the full penalty of the law—one hundred dollars fine and guilty of a misdemeanor.

All persons owning real estate that has heretofore been assessed in the wrong name on the real estate assessment book, or who have purchased real estate within the last year, are requested to appear with their deeds, at the Assessor's office, and have the proper changes made for the year 1895. Immediate attention is necessary, as work on the book has already been commenced.

Proper blanks may be obtained at the Assessor's office.

Henry P. Dalton,
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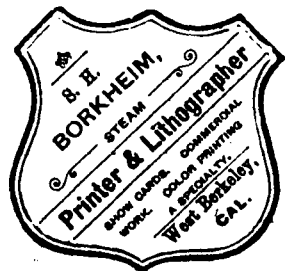
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The Freshmen of the University placed their class number on the hill back of the University last evening and left a guard with it all night. They were not disturbed until this morning when the Juniors made a rush but did not succeed in obliterating the number. It is thought that there will be some lively rushes this afternoon.

Charles Spear will probably be the candidate for Trustee from the sixth ward as there seems to be a universal desire upon the part of the people of that section to have him serve them.

Edward Dillon, who was a candidate for trustee from the fourth ward, has withdrawn from the race.

There were a large number of school children picnicking on the campus this afternoon.

There will be the usual services in all of the churches tomorrow, both morning and evening.

Santas Was Crazy.

There is no doubt in the minds of many acquaintances of Charles Santas, who was recently shot by an officer at Paso Robles, but what he was partially crazy. When he made his last appearance in West Berkeley he looked much emaciated, apparently from want of food. His clothes were in a very bad condition and the flesh on his heels was worn down from walking. A schoolmate said he never saw Charley look so bad and he talked about having recently seen Bowes, a man who was killed at the Giant Powder explosion some time ago, and also said that he had recently come out of an English prison where they had kept him two weeks. While in conversation he would suddenly break off from what subject he happened to be talking on and would make the wildest kind of remarks.

Although his friends thought he was crazy as he was harmless they did nothing in regard to him, saying, however, when speaking of Santos that he was out of his mind.

The U. C. Stanford baseball game that was to take place on the campus this afternoon has been postponed indefinitely, and the game between the Reliance nine and the U. C. team will be played, as was first intended.

The Supreme Court rendered a decision against Owen Rooney yesterday. Rooney was convicted some months ago on a charge of violating the license ordinance in selling liquor at the broad-gauge mole.

Henry Dalton & Sons of the iron foundry have built a bulkhead inclosing a piece of overflowed land 200x300 feet on the water front in which it is proposed to dump the city garbage for the next two years.

The Beta Theta Pi, the Zeta Psi and the Alpha Omega fraternities will entertain today, in accordance with the custom of some fraternities to receive on charter day.

X. Struder, of West Berkeley, complains of Michael Muller for threats against his life. The preliminary examination took place in Judge Lord's court at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The ladies' bicycling club, in full feather, took a spin about West Berkeley today. They attracted much attention in their fancy costumes.

Constable Brotherton once more sports his diamond scarf pin, it having been taken from him by one of his friends in a joke.

William Kohn had a horse and cart stolen from his yard on Eighth street, between Holyoke and Virginia, last night.

Andy Moore has sold his interest in the Puzzle cigar store to Alfonso Lopez who will conduct the same in the future.

The steamer Marc Island made a special trip today, bringing over a load of copra for the Eldorado Oil Works.

The U. C. Wheelmen will have a club run to Golden Gate Park and Cliff House Point tomorrow morning.

The various candidates for town offices will probably be in evidence in a very few days.

Myrtle Blum, a leading and wealthy citizen of Martinez, was a visitor to West Berkeley today.

Was Rae the Robber?

It is said that there is new evidence sufficient to connect George Rae with the Judson robbery, and the detectives are now working up the case against him.

Rae was arrested for the crime, but was acquitted, and was taken to San Francisco to answer a charge of forgery and embezzlement. He pleaded guilty and is now serving a term of one year in San Quentin. As soon as his time has expired he will be arrested and tried on the charge of being a Judson robber.

The Cassasa Benefit.

Cassasa's celebrated Exposition Band will give a grand concert at the Macdonough Theater, Friday evening, March 29, for the benefit of the Grand Parlor committee, N. S. G. W. Mr. Cassasa will be assisted by W. E. Bates, the young American cornet soloist, and Mrs. W. E. Bates, the eminent female soloist, and a host of the best soloists in California. The sale of seats for this concert will begin Tuesday, March 26.

There is trouble in Kern county about land between large companies and the squatters. No doubt but blood will be shed.

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